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REPORT

TOPIC Maneuvers in GROSSENHAIN Area

EVALUATION

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REMARKS

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1. Large-scale Soviet maneuvers with Soviet Zone German police participating, were conducted in the GROSSENHAIN (N 52/A 01) - GURSA (N 52/A 11) - BROCKWITZ (N 52/A 11) - WEISSIG (N 52/A 12) - THIEENDORF (N 52/A 11) - LAMPERTSWALDE (N 52/A 11) - ORTRAND (N 52/A 22) area, including the area north, northwest and west of GROSSENHAIN. Farmers in that area were ordered to complete their harvest by 5 October 1949. Field exercises of Soviet troops and Soviet Zone police units had been held in the ZABELTITZ (N 52/A 02) area some days before.

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2. A column of about 50 sidecar motorcycles, coming from the direction of KOENIGSBRUCK (N 52/A 3 1), was observed at GROSSENHAIN, proceeding toward ZEITHAIN (N 52/E 81).

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3. Several large motorized columns passed through GROSSENHAIN in the afternoon, proceeding toward ZEITHAIN. The following vehicles were seen:

About 50 sidecar motorcycles

Five SP guns of 120 to 150 mm caliber

Five or six trucks towing AT guns; three trucks

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Six trucks

towing heavy mortars of about 160 mm caliber

trucks with mounted guns

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Numerous other trucks

Comment:

a. The report indicates that large-scale maneuvers by component units of the 1st Gds Mecc Army were conducted in the GROSSENHAIN-ZEITHAIN area in October 1949.

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b. The reported motor vehicle belong to the 11th Gds Tank Div which is stationed in eastern Saxony.

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